

# Learning from the Reservation–Conference at Delaware State University, Dover, Del., April 23-25, 2015

(DOVER, Del., April 17, 2015)–From April 23 to 25, 2015, Delaware State University, located at 1200 N. DuPont Highway in Dover, Del., will host the conference “Learning from the Reservation: Using the Traditional Cultural Place Perspective for Better Decision Making in a Diverse Cultural Landscape.”



Taos Pueblo, New Mexico. Photo by J. Wells.

Admission is free and open to the public for the conference’s keynote address by heritage-conservation leader [Ned Kaufman](#) on Thursday, April 23 at 5 p.m. at the Schwartz Center for the Arts, located at 226 S. State St., Dover, Del. Scholarships to attend the entire conference are available by contacting conference-coordinator Robin Krawitz at 302-857-7139 or [rkrawitz@desu.edu](mailto:rkrawitz@desu.edu). For regular registration and a full

conference schedule, go to the following website:  
<http://www.ncpe.us/tcp/#.VTFbMKN0y70>.

The “Learning from the Reservation” conference, presented with homage to the perspective of the sovereign nations who deal with the impact of the dominant American culture on their land and community, will provide a special learning opportunity for cultural-resource practitioners interested in addressing diversity and intangible heritage-values associated with landscapes and the continuity of cultural practices among all cultural groups in the United States.

In 1990, the National Park Service released the National Register Bulletin 38, “[Guidelines for Evaluating and Documenting Traditional Cultural Properties](#),” whose goal was to better understand “attributes that give such properties significance, such as their association with historical events, [which] often are intangible in nature.” In the 25 years since this bulletin was written, the Traditional Cultural Property or TCP perspective remains rarely used, especially outside of Native American contexts. The purpose of this conference is to bring together practitioners to discuss the challenges and share solutions in using the TCP perspective in as broad a context as possible within an open and supportive environment, and to have a dialog with representatives from state historic preservation offices, cultural communities and the National Park Service, which is currently revising National Register Bulletin 38.

The conference is sponsored by the [National Council for Preservation Education](#), [Delaware State University](#), the [University of Delaware](#), [Roger Williams University](#), the [Delaware State Historic Preservation Office](#) of the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs and the [Historic Preservation Education Foundation](#). Scholarship funding for the conference is provided by a grant from the [Delaware Humanities Forum](#), a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities.



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